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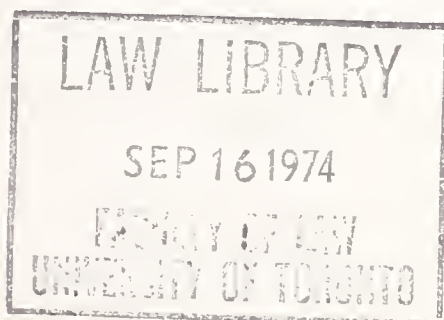
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PREFACE

The book of Cases Notes and Materials on International Criminal Law is to be used by students taking the course or seminar on international criminal law which is offered for the first time in Canada at Osgoode Hall Law School of York University and at the Faculty of Law of the University of Toronto.

In this book, International Criminal Law is concerned with a) the international application of Canadian or some foreign criminal law and b) the criminal law of the international community. This reflects the two basic branches of international criminal law: extranational criminal law and the law of international crimes. In the first case the basic norm is national in character, whereas in the second case it is international. Although these two branches exist side by side, they often combine not only with respect to the definition of some offences but also with respect to sanctions.

The first part of the book is devoted to Canadian law and Canadian jurisdiction over offences containing a foreign element. The second part deals with international offences per se. The last part covers international co-operation in the field of criminal law.

In this edition emphasis is given to legislation and case law. In future editions the authors are planning to include more of their own comments.

The development of international rules in the field of criminal law--eventually to be enforced by an international criminal court--has progressed considerably in the last thirty years in response to the demands of the international community. In spite of State sovereignty, a new international public policy is emerging which will no doubt prevent behaviour threatening the very existence of this international community.

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